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SUBJ: MENGISTU VISIT TO SOFIA, MOSCOW

1. MAY 5 ETHIOPIAN HERALD, AFTER HIGHLIGHTING ARRIVAL PMAC
CHAIRMAN MENGISTU IN MOSCOW AND COMMENCEMENT OF ETHIO-
SOVIET TALKS, COVERED MENGISTU STOPOVER IN SOFIA. ARTICLE
NOTED MENGISTU MET WITH CHAIRMAN TODOR ZHIVKOV EVENING
MAY 3 IN RESPONSE TO INVITATION FOR "OFFICIAL FRIENDLY
VISIT."

2. ARTICLE DREW FROM JOINT COMMUNIQUE WHICH NOTED TALKS
BETWEEN MENGISTU AND ZHIVKOV CENTERED ON BILATERAL
RELATIONS WITH BOTH SIDES EXPRESSING SATISFACTION WITH
DEVELOPMENTS. BOTH LEADERS STATED PRESENT VISIT WOULD
CONTRIBUTE TO FURTHER EXPANSION OF RELATIONS AND
STRENGTHENING OF TIES OF FREINDSHIP AND COOPERATION.
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BOTH EXPRESSED IDENTICAL OR SIMILAR VIEWS ON NUMBER
INTERNATIONAL ISSUES AS DETENTE IN INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS, PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE BETWEEN STATES WITH
DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS, PROBLEMS OF DISARMEMENT,
STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM, NEOCOLONIALISM
AND RACISM. IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT EUROPEAN SECURITY
AND COOPERATION CONFERENCE WAS OF HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE

AND EXAMPLE SET BY EUROPE SHOULD BE FOLLOWED
BY OTHER REGIONS OF WORLD. BOTH HEADS OF STATE
ALSO EXPRESSED THEIR UNSWERVING SUPPORT FOR JUST
STRUGGLE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN SOUTH
AFRICA, NAMIBIA AND ZIMBABWE.

3. ARTICLE CONTINUED BY NOTING BULGARIA SUPPORTS
STRUGGLE OF ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE AGAINST ALL INTERFERENCE
IN ETHIOPIAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS AIMED AT ABOLITION OF
REVOLUTIONARY GAINS OF THE PEOPLE AND IMPAIRING
TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE.

4. COMMENT: ETHIOPIAN RADIO GAVE PROMINENT COVERAGE
MAY 4 TO BULGARIAN, SOVIET AND EAST GERMAN STATEMENTS
IN SUPPORT OF ETHIOPIAN TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY,
LENDING CREDENCE TO THOUGHT THAT ONE OF MENGISTU'S
OBJECTIVES DURING TRIP WILL BE TO OBTAIN
BROADEST POSSIBLE FOREIGN SUPPORT FOR THIS CONCEPT.
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